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## **GREETINGS FRIENDS!**

It has been a busy autumn and we are hard at work planning lots of exciting tours, cruises and international destinations. So sit back, relax and enjoy the read. If a particular destination interests you, call your nearest Wells Gray office or booking agent for details. Remember to book early so that you have access to the early booking discounts.

### **Stay Informed**

Wells Gray Tours provides tour policies on every tour itinerary. This information varies slightly for each tour and addresses specific items pertaining to each tour such as payments, discounts, cancellation policies, fare changes, insurance and activity levels. Please be sure to read this section carefully and call your local office with any questions. We want your tour experience to be exceptional from the moment you book.

### **E-Newsletter**

Sign up for our monthly E-Newsletter to get access to newly released tours, travel tidbits and information on upcoming events. All we need is your contact information, so call your local office today or visit us online at [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

### **No one likes getting sick**

To support the health and wellness of customers and employees and to help prevent sickness, Tour Directors will be carrying hand sanitizer with them and everyone will be required to use it when boarding the coaches. They are gels that contain alcohol in order to kill the germs present on the skin. The alcohol works immediately and effectively in order to kill bacteria and most viruses. Tour directors will also now have face masks available at no charge. Please also take a supply of cold and sinus relief medication along with your own personal prescriptions. Drug stores are not always located easily and stops for shopping take extra time. If you do become ill before a tour departs, out of consideration of your fellow travellers, please consider staying home.

### **Seat Rotation**

Seat rotation is mandatory on all tours and your tour director will describe the pattern and the frequency of the moves. To be fair to all clients, exceptions will not be made.

### **Tours From Greater Vancouver**

Wells Gray Tours is expanding its offering on some tours to neighbourhoods in the Greater Vancouver area. All passengers booking on Tours from Greater Vancouver have the option of meeting the tour at the designated coach meeting place (varies by tour) or arranging with Wells Gray Tours for a home pickup to take them to the coach meeting place. The home pickup must be requested at the time of final payment and pickup rates will be confirmed at that time

Visit our website [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) and click on the Greater Vancouver tour button for all tours that are available.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Friday**

**8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

Closed weekends and holidays

**Full tour itineraries can be found online at [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) or at your local office.**

- *All tours include coach and/or air transportation, accommodation, knowledgeable tour director, and luggage handling, unless otherwise indicated.*
- *Tours depart from various pick up points in the Greater Victoria area. Depending on the individual tour routing and number of people in a location, additional pick up points may be available or added.*
- *GST is charged where applicable.*
- *Single and triple fares are available on most tours.*
- *Consumer Protection BC License: 65842*

Cover photo: *The Lion King In Seattle, itinerary on page 4.*

Photo Credit: *Disney The Lion King*

## CHRISTMAS TOURS

### CHRISTMAS IN SEATTLE

December 22, 2018 — 5 days

**\$2145** pp double **\$2535** single  
discounts up to \$100 pp



Join Wells Gray Tours this holiday season for a relaxing get-away to the historic Hotel Ändra. Now one of Seattle's premier luxury hotels, the building first opened in 1926 as efficiency apartments and became a boutique hotel in the 1970s, then was completely recreated to become Hotel Ändra. It has an excellent location at the corner of 4th and Virginia, surrounded by shops and restaurants. Along with three outstanding shows (The Lion King, Annie and The Nutcracker), and a choice of two top rated Seattle attractions (Museum of History & Industry OR Seattle Art Museum), this Christmas getaway offers plenty of opportunities to relax with your fellow travellers, enjoying the company of old and new friends alike.

### CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

December 23, 2018 — 5 days

**\$1770** pp double **\$2160** single  
discounts up to \$40 pp



We stay four nights at the renowned Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The Hotel Vancouver has an excellent location on West Georgia Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall. Our festive Christmas Dinner at Hotel Vancouver is an extravagant buffet accompanied by wine. Three shows are included *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Attractions are Museum of Anthropology, Bloedel Conservatory, and Vancouver Aquarium. Wells Gray Tours is pleased to offer this Christmas experience again (with three different shows) as it has garnered rave reviews from customers in recent years.

## 2019 TOURS COMING SOON

Whistler Spring Getaway with Vancouver Theatre - April

Kingfisher Oceanside Resort - April

Alberni Inlet & Quadra Island - June

Whitehorse & Glacier Bay Cruise - June 11, July 26

Summer Theatre in Alberta - July

Bella Coola & Tweedsmuir Park - July

Haida Gwaii - July 29

Maritimes & Newfoundland - August 30

Leavenworth Summer Theatre - August

St. Lawrence River Cruise - Kingston to Quebec City - September

Mystery Tour - September

Ontario Theatre (Toronto, Stratford, Shaw) - October

Tanzania & Victoria Falls - November

## CALL OUR OFFICE TO BE PUT ON OUR "INTERESTED LIST"

When the tour comes out for sale, we will notify you. Please note, this does not mean you are automatically booked on the tour. To book you on the tour we must speak to you and collect a deposit.

## FUTURE TOUR 2020!

**Oberammergau Passion Play - Call us to pre-book on this tour!**

**August 2 - for 24 days**

In 2020 the 42<sup>nd</sup> Passion Play will be performed in the small Bavarian town of Oberammergau. Every 10 years the play is performed to bring to life the story of Christ and fill a promise made almost 400 years ago. This incredible production involves over 2,000 performers, musicians and stage technicians, all residents of the village. Join us and experience this amazing event! In addition to this performance we will also explore the best of Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and the Italian Alps. Book early to ensure your spot on this special tour as it won't be offered for another ten years!

## THEATRE TOURS

### ***THE LION KING* IN SEATTLE**

**January 4, 2019 — 3 days**

**\$930** pp double **\$1125** single  
**discounts up to \$50 pp**



The animals are back! **The Lion King** is quite simply one of the biggest phenomena that Broadway has ever seen. Giraffes strut, birds swoop, gazelles leap! The entire savanna comes to life and, as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly rises out of the stage. Thrill to the pulsating rhythms of the African Pridelands and an unforgettable score featuring songs by Elton John and Tim Rice such as *The Circle of Life*, *I Just Can't Wait to Be King*, and *Hakuna Matata*. Also included is Chihuly Garden & Glass and a locally-guided sightseeing tour around Seattle past waterfront piers, Pioneer Square, the Chittenden Locks, and the iconic Space Needle. We stay two nights at the historic Mayflower Park Hotel. It was opened in 1927 as one of the grand hotels of Seattle and has been beautifully restored.

### ***COME FROM AWAY* IN VANCOUVER**

**March 9, 2019 — 3 days**

**\$740** pp double **\$960** single  
**Filling Fast!**



**Come from Away** is set in the week following the September 11, 2001, attacks and tells the true story of what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. You have a choice of attractions, either HR MacMillan Space Centre or Vancouver Maritime Museum. We stay for two nights at the Listel Hotel which enjoys an excellent location on Robson Street with lots of shopping and restaurants nearby. We also visit VanDusen Botanical Gardens, a spectacular 22 hectare garden that boasts over 255,000 plants from around the world. Then in the afternoon, we tour the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, built in 1894. During its peak production at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the cannery produced 2½ million cans of salmon and employed several hundred workers. It has been a National Historic Site since 1984.

### **HARRISON HOT SPRINGS & SHEN YUN**

**March 26, 2019 — 4 days**

**\$1055** pp double **\$1285** single  
**discounts up to \$60 pp**



Discover the art of rejuvenation at the always popular Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa. Nestled on the south shore of Harrison Lake, this lovely hotel has been welcoming guests for over 125 years. With five indoor and outdoor natural mineral hot springs pools, plus the Healing Springs Spa, there is something to please everyone. On the first evening, enjoy dinner in the elegant Copper Room with dance music provided by the Jones Boys. In Vancouver we go to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for the spell-binding performance of **Shen Yun**. A premier classical Chinese dance and music company that performs classical Chinese dance, ethnic and folk dance, and story-based dance, with elaborate costumes and orchestral accompaniment. We have excellent seats for this spectacular show.

## CANADIAN TOURS

### KOOTENAYS HOT SPRINGS

February 17, 2019 — 6 days

**\$1640** pp double **\$1975** single  
discounts up to \$60 pp



The Kootenays region is known for many incredible wonders, one of which is the great variety of hot springs. February is a beautiful time to admire the winter wonderland of this area. Soaking up the snowy mountain scenery from the warmth of a steaming outdoor pool is nothing short of magical. This tour visits three hot springs: Fairmont, Radium and Ainsworth. Accommodation is right next to the hot pools at Fairmont for two nights and Ainsworth for two nights. A 1-hour stop on guided drive around Nelson with George Miller and lunch at Hume Hotel in Nelson are included. Just bring your swim suit and be prepared to relax.

### THE WICKININNISH INN AT LONG BEACH

February 26, 2019 — 5 days

from **\$1825** pp double singles waitlisted  
**Filling Fast!**



Perched on the edge of the wild, west coast of Vancouver Island, the Wickaninnish Inn near Tofino combines heritage and elegance with untamed natural beauty. Framed by ancient rainforest and the Pacific Ocean, each room at the Wickaninnish Inn is designed to charm with its attention to detail and connection with nature. We stay three nights on the rocky point above Chesterman Beach, every room has a splendid ocean view. We will also enjoy a theatre performance at Chemainus Theatre followed by sumptuous buffet lunch.

### SPRINGTIME IN THE OKANAGAN

April 20, 2019 — 6 days

**\$1735** pp double **\$2245** single  
discounts up to \$100 pp



The sunshine and the heat of the Okanagan Valley make it a prime growing area in B.C. for fruit and vineyards. Spring is the perfect time to enjoy the blossoms of the orchards and the colourful wild balsamroot on the hillsides. Some highlights are an orchard tour, a honey bee farm tour, a dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake, a visit to the SS Sicamous sternwheeler, a half-day touring South Okanagan wineries, and the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre. Drive to the Okanagan along the Coquihalla Highway and return via Manning Park. Two fabulous waterfront hotels are offered —Delta Grand Okanagan in Kelowna and Watermark Beach Resort in Osoyoos. This is a great time to visit the Okanagan, before the summer crowds arrive with the high prices.

### COAST TO COAST BY TRAIN

May 24, 2019 — 17 days

**\$8395** pp double; **\$9620** single  
discounts up to \$150 pp



On this tour we begin our epic adventure aboard Via Rail's The Canadian in Vancouver and travel through the Fraser Valley, past soaring Mount Robson and into Jasper National Park. We continue east through the towering giants of the Rocky Mountains and through the sea of grass in the vast prairies with three days exploring Saskatoon. We experience Toronto's big city lights, the majestic beauty of Niagara Falls, the unique mix of cultures in Montréal, and the Scottish influence in the Maritimes. We end our journey with three nights in the centre of Halifax and fly home. Locally-guided tours are included in Saskatoon, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Montréal, and Halifax.

**Coming Soon!**  
**BC Fjords Cruise**  
**in June**

The great fjords of the British Columbia Coast rival those of Norway in length and depth and have even higher mountain scenery. This tour takes you to Knight Inlet, British Columbia's longest fjord, an option to Desolation Sound, British Columbia's largest marine park, Jervis Inlet, and the Princess Louisa Fjord. Experience the wild rush of the Nakwakto Tidal Rapids and view grizzly bears up close at the Glendale River estuary. Of the six days on this tour, 3½ days are devoted to cruising the sheltered waters near Vancouver Island.

## SURPRISING SASKATCHEWAN

June 3, 2019 — 7 days

**\$2395** pp double; **\$2795** single

**15 Seats left!**



Saskatchewan is sometimes viewed as a province with few attractions, but the reality is far different as travellers discovered on our Mystery Tour in 2015. By the end of that tour, many people declared that they had no idea there was so much to see in Saskatchewan! That itinerary has been duplicated for this tour. Join us as we tour the RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina and watch the Sergeant Major's Parade. Visit two provincial museums, one dedicated to prairie transportation and the other which re-creates a 1910 Saskatchewan boomtown. Go underground in the Tunnels of Moose Jaw where rum-running and gambling were rampant 100 years ago. Soak in the therapeutic mineralized waters of Temple Gardens and Manitou Springs. Stay at the historic Bessborough Hotel, built by the CNR in grand chateau fashion in 1928. Learn about First Nations history and watch traditional dancing at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. Admire incredible pieces of art at the newly opened Remai Modern gallery. Cruise the South Saskatchewan River on a paddlewheeler. Speak to a succulent plants expert at his Solar Gardens greenhouse. You will never think of 'Surprising Saskatchewan' the same way again.

## INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

July 22, 2019 — 8 days

**\$2950** pp double; **\$3515** single

**discounts up to \$150 pp**



The *Northern Expedition* departs Port Hardy for a 15-hour scenic voyage in the Inside Passage. Along 500 kilometres of magnificent coastline, we pass hundreds of islands and waterfalls, and probably see wildlife such as bald eagles, porpoises, or whales. Highlights are the narrows at Bella Bella, Princess Royal Channel, and the long canal-like Grenville Channel. On arrival at Prince Rupert, we stay three nights at the Crest Hotel. From Prince Rupert we take an all-day catamaran excursion to the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Sanctuary and tour the restored North Pacific Cannery. We then board VIA Rail's Skeena Train for a spectacular all-day journey east to Prince Rupert where you will enjoy being pampered in deluxe 'Touring Class' including seating in the dome car.

## CANADA DAY IN OTTAWA

June 24, 2019 — 9 days

**\$3970** pp double; **\$4865** single

**discounts up to \$180 pp**



Celebrate Canada's 152nd birthday in the Nation's Capital! We spend three nights in Montreal, two nights in Kingston, and three nights in Ottawa giving you enough time to explore each city. In Kingston, Canada's first capital city, we visit Fort Henry, tour the Canadian Penitentiary Museum, and take a dinner cruise through the 1000 Islands. In Ottawa we enjoy a guided tour of the Parliament Buildings, visit the Canadian Museum of History, shop at bustling Byward Market, and experience the official Canada Day celebrations! We will enjoy a Canada Day themed dinner/reception at the Marriott followed by viewing the dazzling fireworks show.

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## EXCITING NORTH AMERICAN GETAWAYS

### PALM SPRINGS WINTER ESCAPE

February 19, 2019 — 7 days

**\$2865** pp double; **\$3525** single  
discounts up to \$60 pp



Head south to Palm Springs and spend six nights at Palm Mountain Resort which has an excellent location, a block off Palm Canyon Drive where many shops and restaurants are found. A welcome dinner is planned. We thrill to one of the city's highlights - the spectacular Palm Springs Aerial Tramway which ascends nearly 2,000 metres into the San Jacinto Mountains. We also tour Joshua Tree National Park and explore The Living Desert, a 1200-acre preserve featuring exotic birds and animals, botanical gardens, nature trails and the Wildlife Wonders show. There is a choice of one of two attractions: The Palm Springs Air Museum showcases a large collection of flying World War II airplanes or The Palm Springs Art Museum which features a sophisticated collection of art, loaned or donated by the area's affluent residents. There is also a full day to relax, enjoy the sunshine and activities of your own choosing.

### SKAGIT TULIP FESTIVAL

April 8, 2019 — 4 days

**\$995** pp double; **\$1260** single  
discounts up to \$25 pp



Every spring the Skagit Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulips blossom. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the dates, the middle of April tends to be good timing for this showy display. Whether early or late, there are a variety of flowers to enjoy—dainty yellow daffodils arrive first, followed by a rainbow of tulips, then the irises and lilies after that. A local guide takes us through this floral extravaganza, taking advantage of a midweek day when the roads and gardens are far less crowded. We also spend a morning in La Conner, a delightful waterfront town, and take a cruise along Swinomish Channel through Saratoga Passage to Deception Pass. Local delicacies including a salmon bake and crab feast as well as multiple shopping opportunities make this a perfect getaway. This tour stays at the luxurious Tulalip Resort and Casino. Come and enjoy the blossoms and colours of the Skagit Valley.

### HANDS ON OREGON

April 29, 2019 — 9 days

**\$TBA** pp double; **\$TBA** single



Looking for a different kind of holiday? Join us in beautiful Oregon where we will explore the state and get 'hands on' with a variety of local experiences. Crafty? Then try your hand at leather work, learn to build and fly your own kite from master kite flyers, and take a glass art class. Learn more about local foods and beverages with a brewery tour and a "taste of Oregon" buffet dinner. Get active on an electric bike tour and go beach combing for glass balls with an expert guide. This tour spans the length of Oregon beginning in uber-hip Portland and then heading east to Mt. Hood in the Cascade Mountains. From there we visit the outdoor paradise of Bend and then head back up the stunning coastline to Florence, Newport, and Lincoln City.

### SAN FRANCISCO: BEST OF THE BAY AREA

May 23, 2019 — 6 days

**\$3425** pp double; **\$4185** single  
discounts up to \$180 pp



Best known for the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, year-round fog, steep streets, cable cars, and colourful Victorian houses, San Francisco is so much more! We stay 5 nights at the modern Hotel Zephyr at Fisherman's Wharf, which was selected as a Readers' Choice Award Winner by Conde Nast Traveler magazine in 2017. Experience the highlights of San Francisco including the Golden Gate Bridge, a scenic harbour cruise, a dinner in Chinatown, and your choice of an Alcatraz tour or the Aquarium of the Bay. Take a ride on the Napa Valley Wine Train, which includes a gourmet three course lunch, and travel through redwoods forest on the Roaring Camp Railroad. And don't miss the legendary ghost stories at Winchester Mystery House. Find out why the 'City by the Bay' is one of North America's favourite travel destinations!

## NEW YORK CITY

July 2, 2019 — 7 days

**\$3970** pp double; **\$4880** single  
discounts up to \$200 pp



New York City, the city of icons—The Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Rockefeller Center, the American Museum of Natural History, Top of the Rock, Macy's Fifth Avenue, the Radio City Rockettes, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Ground Zero, Times Square, Broadway, and Wall Street. The list of world-famous sights and experiences is huge and Wells Gray Tours is proud to take you there. The tour is planned for early July, traditionally a quieter time for the city, when hotel rates are not as exorbitant, and temperatures are warm but not too hot and humid. This tour has lots of choices with a balance of organized activities and free time to help you maximize your exploration during your stay. We have included a two-day hop-on hop-off all loop pass for double decker touring, a great way to get around the city. We will also take in two Broadway musicals. This year we will also be there for the 4th of July fireworks!

## SCENIC RAILS OF COLORADO

September 17, 2019 — 12 days

**\$5495** pp double; **\$6695** single  
discounts up to \$250 pp









All aboard! Perfect for the train enthusiast, this trip weaves through Colorado on seven different railways. Ride the Royal Gorge Incline Railway, one of the world's steepest railways, to the breathtaking Royal Gorge Bridge. Hop aboard the impressive Georgetown Loop, famous for its narrow-gauge track, as it snakes through jaw-dropping mountain terrain. Or, take a ride on the historic Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, that has been used in many movies and TV shows including Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. In addition, we will visit the Colorado Railroad Museum, sample beer at the Coors Brewery, explore Mesa Verde National Park, relax at the Glenwood Hot Springs Resort, and visit the Denver Art Museum.



### ACTIVITY LEVELS

Wells Gray Tours offers three levels of activity on our tours.



The symbol of one  two   or three    walkers appears on each tour brochure to indicate the activity level you can expect. A written description is also provided. In addition, on Activity Level 3 tours, every customer must sign a declaration that he/she understands that the tour has a lot of activity and that they are physically capable of participating. Tours with Activity Level 1 or 2 have the following statement on the brochure:

**If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 1 or 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.**

### Facebook Photo Contest

Every year we plan incredible trips to show you the world. Now we want to see the world through your eyes. **What we're looking for:** Pictures you've taken while travelling with Wells Gray Tours that show your exceptional experiences. Action photos, close-ups, destinations, people, places, nature or culture – give us your best shot! **How to enter:** Submit your photo by December 15th. Email to [kerrie@wellsgraytours.com](mailto:kerrie@wellsgraytours.com). Include your name, names of people appearing in photo, date, destination and tour. There is no limit on the number of entries per person. **How to win:** Photos appear in the Wells Gray Tours Facebook page photo album titled "Photo Contest 2018". The picture with the most "Likes" will win – get your friends to "Like" your picture on Facebook! You can only win once per year. **Prizes:** 1st Place - \$300 Travel Voucher; 2nd Place - \$200 Travel Voucher; 3rd Place - \$100 Travel Voucher and **"Roland's Pick" (selected by owner Roland Neave) wins a \$100 Voucher!** Contest runs June 1 to December 15, 2018.



## INTERNATIONAL GETAWAYS

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### **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS & ECUADOR** **February 8, 2019 — 24 days**

**\$17,195** pp double; **\$18,885** single  
**1 Seat left!**



We spend 13 days exploring the cultural and natural wonders of mainland Ecuador. Then we fly to the Galapagos Islands for a cruise aboard the first-class passenger vessel M/C Seaman Journey. For 8 days and 7 nights, we cruise from island to island with an expert naturalist and observe the unique flora and fauna made famous by Charles Darwin. The ship carries only 16 people in 8 cabins. Picture yourself walking around nests carelessly built by blue-footed boobies on the trail.

**2 Brand New  
Tours!**

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### **WALES - With a touch of Southern England** **June 19, 2019 — 14 days**

**\$7440** pp double; **\$7765** single  
**9 Seats left!**



With over 2,700 km of coastline, soaring mountains, and spectacular castles, Wales has a lot to explore. We have partnered with a British tour operator who has created this unique itinerary featuring lesser-known sights of Wales with personal experiences that put you in touch with local people. Tour ancient Roman baths. Visit numerous castles. Explore the natural beauty of the Wye Valley, Brecon Beacons National Park, and the Elan Valley. Tour a whiskey distillery and a woolen mill. Enjoy free time in Hay-on-Wye, nicknamed "town of books". Take a horse-drawn canal boat. Visit a medieval city. Ride a cable car to the top of Great Orme. Take the cogwheel mountain railway to the summit of Mount Snowden. Visit Anne Hathaway's cottage at Stratford-upon-Avon. If you want a taste of everything Wales has to offer, this tour is for you!

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### **SCENIC SWITZERLAND BY RAIL** **July 8, 2019 — 14 days**

**\$11,435** pp double; **\$12,500** single  
**discounts up to \$250 pp**



Switzerland has a remarkable network of rail lines throughout the country, making it a sought-after destination for railway enthusiasts. This tour includes nine railways and many diverse experiences. Admire the engineering marvels of some of the rail routes, such as the Glacier Express with over 291 bridges and 91 tunnels. Visit the village of Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn where access is only by train. Climb through the Eiger Tunnel on the Jungfrau Bahn on the way to Europe's highest railway station at 3,454 m. Marvel at the alpine scenery along the Bernina Express, then descend to Tirano, Italy. First class seats are booked on all trains where this service is offered. This tour also includes cruises on Lake Lucerne and Lake Geneva, a cable car on Mount Rigi, and tours of a chocolate factory and a Gruyères cheese factory. Come and enjoy Switzerland by Rail!

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a more intimate travel experience

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**Wells Gray Tours is proud to provide the Tour 25 travel experience.**

Tours indicated by this icon on our website and brochures are Tour 25 departures, meaning group capacity is a maximum 25 participants or less. This allows Wells Gray Tours to create a more personal, flexible and authentic experience, which is perfect for many destinations. Travelling in smaller groups allows us to access exciting new places and to offer more up close, personal and unique encounters. It is one more way we are working to meet your evolving travelling preferences.

**Look for the Tour 25 logo for a more intimate travel experience**

## EXOTIC CRUISING

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE

April 11, 2019 — 18 days

from **\$10,275** pp double; from **\$13,900** single  
**8 Seats left!**



We start this tour by flying to New Orleans and stay three nights at the Wyndham Hotel, located in the French Quarter. There is something magical about the energy in New Orleans. This city will put a spell on you like no other American city. The food is bold and flavourful, the music is loud and soulful, and history is on display on every corner. Highlights include: Maison Bourbon Dixieland Club, Mardi Gras World, historic tour of Oak Alley Plantation, and the New Orleans School of Cooking. We then board the *American Queen* for 7 days which is said to be the largest river steamboat ever built. She is a six-deck recreation of a classic Mississippi riverboat, built by McDermott Shipyard for the Delta Queen Steamboat Company. The *American Queen* has 222 staterooms for a capacity of 436 guests and a crew of 160. The Mississippi River rises in Lake Itasca in Minnesota and flows 3,734 km to the Gulf of Mexico. Along the way, it gathers major tributaries such as the Missouri River and Ohio River. As history plays such a large part of your cruise experience, the Riverlorian (an expert guide on board) imparts the history and lore of the Mississippi River. There is also a diverse lineup of guest historians who take to the stage and transport you to another era. These noted speakers offer astounding insights on the culture and heritage of America's Heartland and the Deep South. Relive a tale from Mark Twain for an enchanted evening and you will retire to your room convinced that you've just had a conversation with history.

### 4 GREAT RIVERS OF EUROPE

June 16, 2019 — 20 days

from **\$15,240** pp double; from **\$21,485** single  
**3 Seats left!**



Roland and Anne Neave invite you to join them for this exciting 6th President's Cruise from Luxembourg to Budapest on the Moselle, Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers. With 14 days on 4 different rivers of Europe, this amazing cruise on Avalon's *Imagery II* takes in a wonderful variety of sights. We start in Remich, Luxembourg, and cruise down the Moselle River for 2 days to the Rhine, then upstream on the Rhine and the Main Rivers for 4 days. **Fares include a \$1200 discount from Avalon. Prices will increase November 1st.**

**NORTHWEST PASSAGE EXPEDITION CRUISE** from **\$23,750** pp double; from **\$23,960** single  
**August 16, 2019 — 19 days** **4 Seats left!**



The Northwest Passage represents the pinnacle of Arctic exploration. On this trip, like the explorers before us, we experience the quaint villages, dramatic fjords, and calving glaciers of Greenland. After crossing Davis Strait, we visit Qikiqtarjuaq, the iceberg capital of Nunavut, and pay respects at the Franklin Expedition graves on Beechey Island. Somerset and Devon Islands offer opportunities to spot caribou, polar bear, walrus, and muskox, and for visits to ghostly RCMP and Hudson's Bay posts. Parry Channel and Peel Sound afford a passage to Queen Maud Gulf and onward along Victoria Island to our destination, Kugluktuk, the end of our epic journey above the Arctic Circle. To sail the Northwest Passage is to sail living history. Meet the Inuit who have called this remarkable place home for generations. Attend daily presentations on the ship and listen to experts in many fields related to the Northwest Passage and the Arctic. Explore secluded bays and channels using the ship's fleet of zodiacs and get very close to stunning glaciers and icebergs. Join the ranks of the adventurers who have been lured by the legends of the Northwest Passage.

We spend 17 days on board the *Ocean Endeavour* which was built in 1981 and has operated as a cruise ship in the Baltic, the Mediterranean, and throughout Scandinavia. Adventure Canada has leased the ship since 2014 and has undertaken major renovations to equip it for Arctic voyages. The ship is 137 metres long and has nine decks with six of them open to passengers. The ship carries 198 passengers. Expedition staff are experts on the Arctic including geology, glaciation, history, and flora and fauna. There are frequent lectures, educational presentations, and interactive workshops. Evening entertainment is offered. There is a fully-stocked library for additional reading about the cruise destinations. During many days, there are expeditions ashore or to nearby attractions, using the ship's 18 zodiacs. All meals are included in the Polaris Restaurant and there are also on-deck barbeques and afternoon tea.

#### \* NOTE FOR ALL CRUISES \*

**Early booking is essential. Unsold staterooms are taken away by the cruise company when the ships get close to being full.**



Holland America Line®

SAVOR THE JOURNEY

**SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE**  
**January 20, 2019 — 16 days**

from **\$5760** pp double; from **\$8260** single  
**10 Seats left!**



We fly from Seattle to Fort Lauderdale and spend two nights at the Embassy Suites which has a convenient location downtown between the airport and cruise terminal. There is a free day to relax around the hotel or visit the many shops and restaurants nearby. Then treat yourself to an 11-day cruise aboard Holland America Line's newest ship, *MS Koningsdam*, which made her grand entrance into the cruising world in 2016. Life on the islands offers more than awe-inspiring views of vast blue waters and hilly scenery. Each port city has its own unique flavour and rhythm. The ports of call on this tour are Philipsburg in Saint Maarten, Castries in Saint Lucia, St. Thomas in US Virgin Islands, St. John's in Antigua, Bridgetown in Barbados, Fort-De-France in Martinique, and Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas.

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Fly to Palm Springs and spend three nights at the excellent location of Palm Mountain Resort. We thrill to one of the city's highlights - the spectacular Palm Springs Aerial Tramway which ascends nearly 2,000 metres into the San Jacinto Mountains. We also tour Joshua Tree National Park and go to Palm Canyon Theatre for a show. We stop in San Diego for two days of sightseeing including a visit to the Safari Park, a cruise around the busy San Diego harbour seeing the lofty Coronado Bridge, the shipyards, Point Loma, and the Naval Air Station. Afterwards we visit the Maritime Museum on the waterfront. From here we board Holland America's *Eurodam* for a seven-night cruise. Our first port is Cabo San Lucas situated at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula. Overnight we cruise east to the mainland of Mexico and dock for a full day in Mazatlan. Our last port of call along the Mexican Riviera is the original colonial town of Puerto Vallarta. We have two relaxing days at sea before docking in San Diego and flying on Westjet to Victoria.

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**NORWAY FJORDS CRUISE**  
**July 3, 2019 — 20 days**

from **\$10,195** pp double; from **\$14,185** single  
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We travel to Vancouver and stay overnight at the Pacific Gateway Hotel near the airport before flying to Amsterdam. We stay for two nights here and visit Dam Square with the impressive Royal Palace, the New Church, the canals, Waterloo Square, the renowned Rijksmuseum and explore the city via a narrated canal cruise, passing gabled warehouses, arched bridges, noble mansions, and colourful houseboats. We then board Holland America Line's newest ship, *MS Nieuw Statendam*, which will make her grand entrance into the cruising world in December 2018. During the first day of our cruise, we sail across the North Sea to Norway. Highlights include: the Vøringsfossen Waterfalls, Hardangervidda Nature Centre, Gamle Bryggen Museum, Fløibanen funicular up Mount Fløyen, Cathedral and Archbishop's Palace, North Cape Visitor Centre and Museum, National Park with Nigardsbreen Glacier, Breheim Visitors Centre and Park Centre, Train excursion from Flåm to Myrdal and return, Flåm Railway Museum, and Olav's church and Viking Farm. Locally guided tours are included in Måbødalen Valley, Bergen, Ålesund, Jostedalbreen, and Haugesund.

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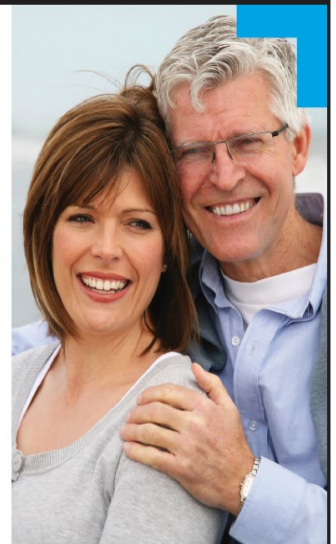
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